

1905-029 Chancery Causes: Sarah Hamblen vs. William Hamblen
Lee Co.

Williams, Osborn

CA-Divorce
T-Vices

To the Hon. H. A. W. Skeen, Judge of the Circuit Court for
Lee County, Virginia.

Humbly complaining your oratrix, Sarah Hamblin, a *resident* of
said County for more than one year before the institution of this suit,
would respectfully represent and show unto your honor, that she was
married to Wm. Hamblin, her present husband, on the ____ day of _____
19____ in said County, and they lived together as husband and wife until
the ____ day of _____, 1905, when she became convinced that her
said husband had been guilty of numerous acts of adultery in said
County on Town Branch, near Jonesville, Virginia with different women,
which acts of adultery were without her consent or connivance, and that
she had not lived, or cohabited with her said husband since she became
apprised of his ^{said} acts of adultery.

The object of this bill, is to obtain an absolute divorce
from the bonds of matrimony existing between her and her said husband.
To this end she makes the said Wm. Hamblin the party defendant to this
bill and asks that he be required to answer the same, but not on oath,
answer under oath being waived.

And that upon a hearing she be granted an absolute divorce
from her said husband, and such other, further and general relief as her
cause may merit. And your oratrix will ever pray &c.

Sarah Hamblin

Sarah Haulden
vs Bill in Chancery.
Jm Haulden.

1905- 1st Sept Rules
Bill filed Spa.
executed
" 2nd Sept. Rules
Cause set for
hearing.

Costs:

Clerk	5.75 - pd
Atty	15.00 - 14.85
Shff	.50
Com.	2.25
Wils	1.50
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	\$24.40

Decree Final Sept.
Term. 1905.

1900 to 10

Sarah Hamblen

Plaintiff

against
Mr Hamblen

Defendant

In Chancery.

This cause came on to be heard upon ~~the~~
~~papers formerly on~~ the bill of the plaintiff
the process duly executed on the defendant.
the cause regularly matured at rules
and set for hearing by plaintiff and upon
the depositions of witnesses, and was
argued by counsel, and the defendant
failing to appear and demur or answer.
On consideration of all which, It
is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the
bands of matrimony existing between
the plaintiff and defendant be and are
herely dissolved and the said parties
are absolutely divorced from each other,
and restored to all the rights of unmarried
people; and that the plaintiff recover
against the defendant her costs in this
behalf expended. And the cause is
stricken from the docket.

Sarah Hamblen
vs Deere Final.
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Mr Hamblen.

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Enter this decree
H. A. W. Stearns
Sept 29 - 1905.

The depositions of) Mattie Williams and others
taken before me, Geo.P.Cridlin, a commissioner in chancery for the Circuit
Court of Lee County, Virginia, on the 16th day of September, 1905, at
the office of J.W.Orr, in the town of Jonesville, Va., pursuant to no-
tice hereto attached; which depositions are intended to be read as evi-
dence in behalf of the plaintiff in a certain suit in chancery now
pending in the circuit court of Lee County Va. in which Sarah Hamblen is
plaintiff and William Hamblen is defendant.

Present J.W.Orr counsel for plaintiff, and Wm. Hamblen the deft/
Mattie Williams a witness of lawful age being first duly sworn
deposes as follows:

Q.1.-- Please state your age, and place of residence.

A.-- I am 17 years old, I reside on town branch near Jonesville, Va.

Q2.-- Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit?

A.-- I am acquainted with Wm.Hamblen, but I can't say that I know his
wife. I have known him for several years.

Q. 3.-- Do you know the time of their marriage?

A. I remember of hearing of it, and I suppose it has been about three
years ago.

Q. 4.-- Do you know when they separated?

A.-- I only heard of their separation, and that she had left him, but
I do not remember how long it has been. I don't think it has been as much
as a year.

Q.5.-- Do you know of any misconduct on the part of William Hamblen
since their marriage, with other women, or since their separation.

A.-- I can't say that I do. He has been at our house several times
since he married, and on one occasion he asked me to sit down on the
bed by him, and at times when I would pass him he would catch me by
the skirt and pull me a little.

Q.-- Have you seen William Hamblen at any houses of bad repute, and
if so when and where?

A.-- I saw him at Mrs.Elizabeth Kings' along last Winter; and I saw
him at a certain Mrs.Carroll's about a month ago. The reputation of these
houses are bad for the morals and chastity of the inmates. I have seen
enough to convince me that the women at the Carroll house are bad

are bad characters.

Q.-- Does Sarah Hamblen and her husband Wm. Hamblen reside in this County and if so how long have they been residents.

A. They both live in this county and have been since their marriage.

And further this deponent saith not.

Witness Claims 1 day .50

Mattie Williams.

Mary Williams, another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q.1/-- Please state your age and place of residence.

A.-- I am 39 years old, live on town branch near Jonesville Va.

Q.2.-- Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit and if so how long have you known them?

A.-- I am acquainted with William Hamblen and have known him all his life, I only know his wife when I see her.

Q.3.-- State if you remember when they married and when they separated, if you know?

A.-- They were married about three years ago, and separated about a year ago. It is my understanding that she left him.

Q.4.-- State if you know any acts of adultery, or misconduct of that kind upon the part of William Hamblen since they married.

A.-- I do not know of any acts of adultery on his part, nor of any misconduct on his part. *He came to my house one morning and seemed to be intoxicated, and after I gave him his breakfast he laid down on the bed and went to sleep. This was about last summer.*

Q.5.-- Do you know of his visiting any houses of ill fame, or bad reputation for chastity and virtue, since his marriage?

A.-- I have seen him at Barbara Carrolls near Jonesville, and that is a house of bad reputation in that respect.

And further this deponent saith not.

Witness Claims 1 day .50

Mary X Williams
J. Mark

The further taking of these depositions is adjourned until Sept. 19th, 1905, at the same place.

Geo. P. Criddle, Comm. in Chg.

Met pursuant to adjournment at the office of J.W.Orr, Jonesville Va., on the 19th day of Sept/ 1905.

W.J.Osborn, a witness of lawful age being first duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q.1.-- Please state your age, occupation and place of residence.

A.-- I am 30 years old, am a farmer, and I reside on Sugar Run, in Lee county Va. about two and one-half miles from Jonesville.

Q.2.-- Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit and if so how long have you known them?

A.-- I am acquainted with said parties. I have known WM/Hamblen about six years, but have only known his wife about two years.

Q.3.-- Do you know about the time they were married?

A.-- I heard of their marriage. It has been right at three years ago.

Q.4.-- State if you know when the plaintiff deserted or left the defendant?

A.-- I lived in about three fourths of a mile from Mr. Hamblen when his wife left him, she left him about one year ago.

Q.-- State if you know of any acts of adultery committed by the defendant since his marriage to the plaintiff, and if so when and where and all you know about it.

A.-- Along last Fall after she had left him he and I were out hunting one night and we went to the house of Mary Williams and staid there part of the night. we went there about ten oclock at night and staid until just a little before daylight. While we were there Mary Williams and her daughter Mattie Williams being there; Willaim Hamblen got in bed first with Mary Williams and staid there with her for some fifteen or twenty minutes, he then got up out of that bed and went and got in the bed with Mattie and staid there the rest of the time we staid there. And I heard and saw enough to be convinced that he and Mat were having carnal connection.

And further this depoent saith not.

Wit 1 day. 50.

W. J. Osborn

Virginia, Lee County, to-wit:

I Geo.P.Cridlin, a commissioner in chancery for the circuit court of Lee County, Virginia, do certify that the foregoing depositions of Mattie Williams, Mary Williams and W.J.Osborn were taken, sworn to and subscribed before me at the time, place and for the purpose in the caption mentioned.

This the 19 day of Sept. 1905.

Geo P Cridlin
Commissioner in Chancery.

Sarah Hamblin
vs. { In Eq.
William Hamblin

Depos. of
Mary Williams .50
Martin Williams .50
W. J. Osborn .50

Court fee 3 hrs. \$2.25

Filed Sept. 19, 1905.
J. H. T. Ewing,
Clerk.

Mr. William Habblin,

You will please take notice that on the 16th day of September
between the hours of 8 o'clock A.M. & 6 o'clock P.M.
1905, at the law office of James W. Orr, in Jonesville, Virginia, I will
proceed to take the depositions of Mary Williams and others, which are
intended to be read in my behalf in a certain suit in Chancery pending
in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, in which I am plaintiff,
and you are defendant. And if from any cause the taking of said deposi-
tion be not commenced on that day, or if commenced be not completed
on that day, the taking of the same will be adjourned from time to time
between said hours
and from place to place until completed.

September 14th 1905.

Respectfully,

Sarah Hamblin.
by Orr & Vail, her counsel.

Sarah Hankler

ss. Notice

Mr Hankler,

Legal Service of the
within notice is
accepted. Sept 14th 1905.

Wm Hankler

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

H. M. Hamblen

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at rules to be held for the said court, on
the *1st* Monday in *September*, 190*5*, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against *him*
in our said Court by Sarah Hamblen

And have then there this writ. Witness, H. C. T. EWING, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the *30th*
day of *August*, 190*5*, and 1 *30th* year of the Commonwealth.

A Copy, Teste:

H. C. T. Ewing, Clerk.

_____, Clerk.

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Sarah Hamblen

VS

SUBPENA
IN
CHANCERY.

J. M. Hamblen

Ans & Noel p. q

To 1st September Rules.

Lee Circuit - Court.
1905

executed by delivery
a true copy of the
within to J. M.
Hamblen this sep
2. 1905. J. Hughes
D. B. for
J. M. Ball
D. L. C.